

The Dead Horse ISPATCH

January 2012

A newsletter by and for the volunteers of Dead Horse Ranch State Park



January 1, 2012 First Day Hikes

State Parks in all 50 states are participating in this nationwide effort to promote healthy lifestyles and encourage year-round recreation at state parks. The **First Day Hikes** program is historic since it's the first time that all 50 states have collaborated on a single, nationwide state parks event occurring on the same day! In honor of the event the following parks will offer guided hikes on January 1. Read detailed hike information below.

Dead Horse Ranch SP: Hike will start at **9 am** from the West Lagoon parking lot. It will last approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hours and cover 2 to 3 miles. Hikers will meander along the Verde River riparian area as well as the 3 lagoons that are on the park. It is suggested to dress in warm layers, wear sturdy shoes and bring water. Participants may also want to bring binoculars and a camera; the day might be good for wildlife photo ops. Ranger Margie will be leading the hike.

Trail Horse Adventures at DHRSR



On the eve of Christmas Eve, I took advantage of the warm winter afternoon to go horse back riding with my 8 year old grand daughter. The Trail Horse Adventure wranglers took us out on the "Outlaw Trail", which meanders down to, across and up above the Verde River. This picture was taken by Wrangler Paul while we were riding the trail above the river. What a great day!

submitted by Ranger Margie Sanchez

A Once In a Lifetime Trip!

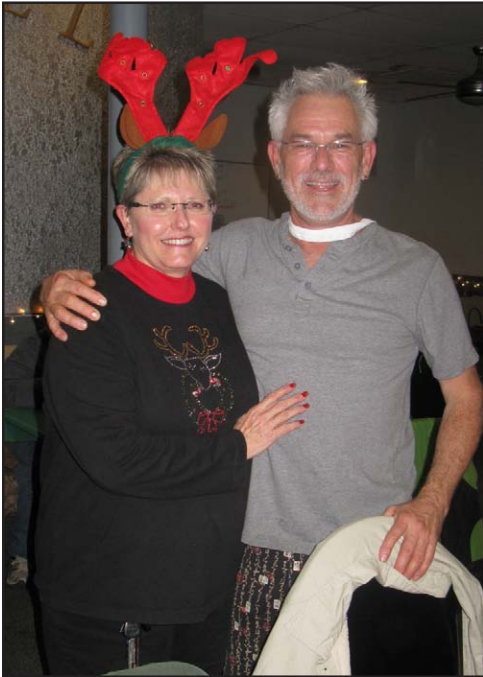


In October, I was visiting my sister in Pewaukee, WI. I called Carl Hartman who spends the summer a few hours north and invited him to sail with us on Lake Michigan. Needless to say, he enjoyed the once in a lifetime trip.

submitted by Joan Gray



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The Annual Christmas Party honored Volunteers, Rangers, and Guests at Randall's Restaurant, in Cottonwood, on December 15th, at 6 pm. What a spread was laid out for the DHRSP crew. Lasagna (vegetarian and meat) with salad, vegetables, bread, coffee, tea, soda. Deserts were provided by the attendees in the true Christmas spirit and shared by all.

A special thanks to Randy and Ranger Linda Hauk for this wonderful gathering.

Photos were contributed by various people some of whom were Nan Hephner and Linda Hauk.



Christmas To All!



The Winter Eagles Return!



Ranger Justin Swiger took this picture of the resident winter eagles that come every year.
submitted by Ranger Margie Sanchez



Volunteer News

THE January Comings & Goings of DHRSP

Betty Hall & Wayne Quimby (who are current Raven Loop Hosts) are leaving us early, on 12/30/11, as they have found part time employment in running the Airpark Storage here in Cottonwood. They have been wanting to stay permanently in the Cottonwood area, leaving MO behind.

With them leaving it opens the door for Chuck & Billie Castle to return for one month (unless something else opens up). They have been down in Quartsite for the last month, staying with some friends that they usually winter with. Since we needed the help they are willing to come back.

January Dates to Remember

NOTE: Volunteer Meeting Dates will be posted in the office, on the Volunteer Schedule, at the park from now on!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

January Milestones

1-Bob Ross
4-Justin Swiger
8-Roger McCartney
12-Gary & Sharon Munson (2001)
14-Nan & Norm Hephner (1983)
19-Ken & Gigi House
20-Frank & Rose Larramore (1974)
20-Tom Reese
23-Linda Hauk
24-George Gilbert
25-Barb & Dave Penny (1964)
26-Carol Barringer
26-Fred Wishnie
28-Bernie Munson
30-Kathy Appling

Hi Carolyn,

DHRSP was sending the newsletter to us monthly up thru August. We didn't get any more after that and the office manager tells me they weren't allowed to send them anymore. Could you e-mail me the newsletters starting with September 2011 thru the present time and continue to e-mail them when they come out? We are back at DHRSP for the winter (Nov-May) and then will be going back to Acadia NP in Maine again for the summer.

Thank you. Jan & Bill Birtwell

Hi Jan and anyone else who reads this newsletter. I was not aware that the mailed copies were not happening any more. I am sorry about that and I hope they are being printed at the office, so the folks that volunteer there in the local area (that cannot get the emails) are still able to pick them up in the office once a month. Please let me know if they are not and give the word to anyone else that does not get emailed newsletters that there are still two ways they can enjoy keeping up with the gang at DHRSP.

1. DHRSP Newsletter is available on the AZ State Park Web Page @
<http://azstateparks.com/Parks/DEHO/index.html>

As far as I know, libraries everywhere have computers that will let you access the Web and you can go in and look (and sometimes print) the newsletter. Just click on the Volunteer Bar on the left side of the page and it will give you the opportunity to read the DHRSP Newsletters since 2008.

2. Ask a friend or relative to print it for you from the same AZ State Park's Web page listed above. Who knows? They just might enjoy it too and start volunteering.

*Thanks for the update and I will rush those missing copies out via email.
Carolyn Meehan*

Hi there,

Thanks so much for keeping us in the loop with what is going on at DHRSP, it is real special to us. We are trying to stay home in NH this winter, after renting our home here for 5 years it needs some TLC and it has been getting it for 3 months and will continue a bit longer.

Who knows, after a year or so in the cold we may want to head south to volunteer again though our RV has shrunk to a 21' sprinter van where we sleep on the rear seat. This is a real change and I guess we will live out of it more than in it.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Bill and Anne Zeller